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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Transfer of Mining Lease for Limestone (Cement Grade) mineral over an extent of 663.46 hectares in Sy.No.347, 350, 353 etc., of Kalvatala (V) and Sy.No.1/2, 2-3, 10 etc., of Kotapadu Village, Kolimigundla (M) of Kurnool District (presently Nandyal District) held by M/s. Prism Johnson Ltd., (formerly M/s Prism Cement Ltd.) to M/s. The Ramco Cements Limited (Transferee) for the unexpired lease period upto 10-03-2033 – Deemed extension of lease period for (50) years up to 10-03-2053 in favour of Transferee – Orders–Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.46 Dated:05.07.2023

Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms No.60 Industries & Commerce (MI) Dept, Dt: 05.02.2002.
2. Govt. Memo No:9635/M.III(1)/2018-2, dt:13.05.2019
3. From the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada single file No. 1621/D10/2023, dt.28.04.2023.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have granted Mining Lease over an extent of 663.46 Hectares in Sy. No.347, 350,353 etc of Kalvatala (V) and Sy.Nos.1/2, 2-3, 10 etc of Kotapadu (V), Kolimigundla (M), Kurnool District (presently Nandyal District), for a period of 30 years in favour of M/s Prism Cement Ltd., Subject to condition that the Company should establish a Cement Plant within 3 years period.

2. In Govt. Memo 2nd read above, Government have granted further extension of time for (3) three more years upto 12.05.2022 in favour of Prism Cement Ltd., to enable the lessee company to establish the cement plant for the purpose of doing mining operations in the said Mining Lease.

3. In the single file 3rd read above, the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., has stated that M/s Prism Cement Ltd were unable to establish the cement plant due to its financial constraints caused due to COVID-19 pandemic, and requested for transfer of the above said Mining Lease in favour of M/s The Ramco Cements Limited. The transferee company having proposal for further expansion of clinker production capacity from 4.485 MTPA to 6.727 MTPA in the near future after the transfer of mining lease from M/s Prism Johnson Ltd (formerly M/s Prism Cement Ltd) to M/s The Ramco Cements Limited considering future demand of the cement market. Hence to augment the additional mineral reserves, they have requested to transfer the Mining Lease held by M/s Prism Cement Ltd so as to cater to the requirement of Limestone. The transferee has submitted affidavit stating that, they will abide all the terms and conditions of M.C. Rules 2016 and MM(D&R) Act 1957 and subsequent Amendments issued by the Government from time to time.

4. The Director of Mines & Geology, AP., has, therefore, requested the Government to accord permission for Transfer of Mining Lease held by M/s. Prism Cement Ltd. (subsequently changed the name without any change in constitution, as Prism Johnson Limited in the year 2018) for Limestone (Cement Grade) mineral over an extent of 663.46 hectares in Sy.No.347,350,353 etc., of Kalvatala (V) and Sy.No.1/2, 2-3,10 etc., of Kotapadu Village, Kolimigundla (M) of Kurnool District (Presently Nandyal District) for the unexpired lease period up to 10.03.2033 in favour of M/s. The Ramco Cements Limited and for deemed extension of lease period upto 50 years from the date of initial grant i.e., up to 10.03.2053 as per existing rules in favour of the transferee, subject to satisfaction of all the terms and conditions of M.C. Rules 2016 & MM(D&R) Act, 1957, duly relaxing the condition for establishment of new cement plant imposed at the time of original grant and permitting expansion of existing new plant of the transferee.

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5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby accord permission under Rule 23 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 for Transfer of Mining Lease held by M/s. Prism Cement Ltd., (subsequently changed the name without any change in constitution, as Prism Johnson Limited in the year 2018) for Limestone (Cement Grade) mineral over an extent of 663.46 hectares in Sy.No.347, 350, 353 etc., of Kalvatala (V) and Sy.No.1/2,2-3, 10 etc., of Kotapadu Village, Kolimigundla (M) of Kurnool District (presently Nandyal District) for the unexpired lease period upto 10.03.2033 in favour of M/s. The Ramco Cements Limited, and also extend the lease period for 50 years i.e. upto 10.03.2053 under Section 8A (3) of MM (D&R) Amendment Act, 2015, in favour of the transferee, duly relaxing the condition for establishment of new cement plant imposed at the time of original grant and permitting to expansion of existing new plant of the transferee, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 & MM(D&R) Act, 1957 and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by the GoI and State Government from time to time.

6. The Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(MINES)

To
The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada. (w.e.file).
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The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhawan, Civil Lanes, Nagpur.
The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jharkand.
The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool District.
The OSD to Minister (M&G).
The PS to SPl.CS. to Govt.(Mines)
SF/SC.

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